

I protest the decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to have the stations on their network air a documentary that is extremely critical of John Kerry, just before the election, as it indicates the frightening outcome of the consolidation and power concentration, that is resulting from the merging of media companies.

The public airwaves are just that, public and cost free under law and they must serve the public interest. However, now that a few large companies are gaining control of the airwaves, we are getting more actions based on what's is profitable for media corporations, and not getting what we as a society need for the common good of a democratic country. We need more locally produced news instead of "canned" product manufactured by a distant corporate office, so that we serve our individual communities. Information about our own communities and real issues that affect our neighborhoods is vital and serves our democracy far better.

The self-serving intentions of Sinclair Broadcasting underlines why media ownership rules need to be strengthened and protected. The license renewal process needs public feedback and an honest evaluation, not a token action. Thanks very much.